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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-39, 41 and 42 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-22, 41 and 42 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-19 and 23-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

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Claims 1-12 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Brice or Nakano. Brice, figs. 3 and 4 teaches a SAW device using aluminum electrodes #2, #4, #5 covered with a metal oxide layer #11 (aluminum oxide). Nakano (fig. 9) teaches a SAW device with an aluminum electrode covered by a metal oxide layer (e.g. chromium oxide). Structurally this is what is defined by applicant's claims. The phraseology "that has a inhibit the migration" are merely statements of desired function that do not add structure and have thus not been given patentable weight. Applicants argument that the claims define a concept is not persuasive a concept is not a courts have found that claims directed to apparatus must be distinguished from the prior art in terms of structure rather than function. In re Danly 263 F. 2d 844, 847, 120 USPQ 528, 531 (CCPA 1959). Applicant's claims cover what a device is not what s device does. "Hewlett-Packard CO. v. Baush & Lomb Inc., 909F .2d 1464, 1469, 15 USPQ 2d 1525, 1528, (Fed. Cir. 1990). (emphasis in original).

Claims 23-39 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Hori or Nakashima. Hori (figs. 1, 3, 4, 8 and 9) teaches a SAW device with an electrode layer #3, 34 of a first metal (Aluminum) and a layer of a second material covering the first layer (e.g. N. Cr) (see col. 7, ln 1-52). Nakashima fig. 2A teaches a similar structure. The citation of these new references is due to the amendment of claim 23.

Cited of interest is Misawa method claims does not negate the restriction requirement.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Budd whose telephone number is (703)308-3929. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, D. Schuberg, can be reached on (571)272-2044***. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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